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PROPOSE MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN CO-OPS

RESOLUTIONS OF MAIN COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL CO-OPS -- Zagreb, Vjesnik, 4 Jun 51

The third skupstina of the Main Council of Agricultural Cooperatives resolved that general agricultural cooperatives should take the following steps toward the socialist transformation of villages and the development of agriculture:

1. Struggle against every unjustified contraction of the network of general agricultural cooperatives, and struggle for their strengthening, endeavoring to establish them in every village where conditions are favorable for their development. It is particularly necessary to change the attitude toward production and processing cooperatives and to work toward their development wherever the need for them is felt.

2. Increase the number of members, especially women and young people, whose membership in cooperatives is still comparatively small.

3. Strengthen democratic methods in cooperatives by holding official meetings regularly, mass meetings, conferences, and meetings of administrative and supervisory councils, to assure genuine participation of members in administering cooperatives and to assure the voluntary character of cooperative organizations. The struggle must be carried on to respect legality, and against all tendencies to subtract from cooperative property or personnel, and against imposing activities not in accord with the functions of cooperatives.

4. Develop socialist competition, for it increases productiveness, develops initiative and strengthens discipline, develops collective work, increases work intensity, raises the cultural level, and increases the number of qualified technical personnel.

5. Develop agitation and propaganda work in cooperatives as one of the powerful means for establishing activities, and publicizing the progressiveness of Yugoslav agricultural production.

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Attention must be given to the all-round development of all economic activities in villages. Special attention must be paid to:

1. Strengthen agricultural production on the private plots of members of cooperatives so they will increase their production, thus improving their standard of living and also assuring better and more regular supplies to the working classes in cities and industrial centers.
2. Develop agricultural production on cooperatives jointly with livestock farms, fruit and other tree nurseries, bee cooperatives, etc. Work should be directed toward creating favorable conditions for strengthening production on a cooperative basis in connection with general agricultural cooperatives and creating farm work cooperatives.
3. Develop cooperative commerce in agricultural products. General agricultural cooperatives should play a role in distribution and obtain surpluses of agricultural products of members and organize their delivery into the free market.
4. Cooperatives should make direct connections with wholesale and industrial enterprises to develop cooperative commerce in industrial goods. Cooperatives should procure goods to satisfy their members' needs, avoiding stockpiling obsolete or unseasonal goods, poor care, spoilage, and bad management.
5. Utilize all favorable possibilities extended by new economic measures which enable each cooperative to export its surpluses and import goods it needs.
6. Develop anew the local production of general agricultural cooperatives, including various local enterprises, crafts, workshops, and home industries, since it showed positive retrogression in 1950. Conditions are such today that this type of activity can develop anew. This is especially valid for those sections where conditions are not favorable for development of agricultural production, but valuable raw materials are available for the establishment of various local-production enterprises.
7. Develop economy in order to increase their own financial resources.
8. Activate existing subcouncils or create new ones to manage individual economic activities in the cooperative.

COOPERATIVE SECTOR EXPANDS -- Zagreb, Vjesnik, 1 Jun 51

A new farm-work cooperative including 28 households and 500 jutars of land has been established in Virovitica Srez.

A farm-work cooperative which includes 50 percent of the inhabitants in Kapan has also been established.

In Pakrae Srez a small farm-work cooperative has been established in Omanovac.

The cooperative in Antunovac has been expanded by the addition of four households; ten households are interested in forming a farm-work cooperative in Lipik; and the other cooperatives in Pakrac Srez have been expanded by 14 additional households.

Osijek Oblast has shown especially good results in expanding its farm-work cooperatives. Sixteen households have joined the "Sloga" (Harmony) Farm-Work Cooperative in Bizovac, Valpovo Srez; 10 households have joined the "Matija Gubec" Farm-Work Cooperative in Vinkovci Srez. In Vukovar Srez, 10 households have joined the "Stanisa Opsenica" Farm-Work Cooperative in Tovarnik, 14 the "Milan Zezelj" Farm-Work Cooperative in Ilok; and 21 the "Napredak" (Progress) Farm-Work Cooperative in Opatovac. The best results in Osijek Oblast were in.

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Nasice Srez, where the cooperative sector was expanded by 100 additional households. In Zupanja Srez, thirteen additional households have joined the "Marko Oreskovic" Farm-Work Cooperative in Drenovci, 15 the "Jedinstvo" (Union) Farm-Work Cooperative in Soljani; and 15 the "Buducnost" (Future) Farm-Work Cooperative in Gundinci.

Good results in expanding the cooperative sector have also been attained in Zagreb Oblast, especially in Prelog Srez. In this srez, the "Proleter" Farm-Work Cooperative in Gorican has been expanded by 30 additional households, the "Treci April" (Third April) in Donja Dubrava by 22 households, the "Prvi Maj" (1 May) in Kotoriba by 18 households, and the "Sloga" in Prelog by 6 households.

FOUNDATIONS FOR MECHANIZATION EXPAND ACTIVITIES -- Belgrade, Borba, 15 May 51

Foundations for Mechanization in cooperatives, previously concerned exclusively with mechanization problems, now deal with all the production and work organization of cooperatives in their srezes. They are now concerned with production, improving work organization, placing products of the cooperative on the market, financial and commercial matters, and in general, all that is important for the cooperatives.

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